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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

October 6, 2008

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO REGULATION 8, RULE 20: GRAPHIC ARTS
PRINTING AND COATING OPERATIONS**

On **Wednesday, November 5, 2008**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 20: Graphic Arts Printing and Coating Operations; Regulation 2, Rule 1: Permits, General Requirements; Regulation 3; Fees, Schedule R: Equipment Registration Fees, and to consider adoption of a CEQA Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.

Regulation 8, Rule 20 limits emissions from certain types of printing equipment: letterpress, lithographic, flexographic, gravure, and screen printing by setting limits on the volatile organic compound (VOC) content for inks, coatings, adhesives, and cleaning materials used. The rule applies to each graphic arts operation that emits more than 175 lbs of VOC per month. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-2 in the 2005 Ozone Strategy. The proposed amendments will:

- Reduce the VOC content of ink used in flexographic presses on porous substrates such as paper;
- Reduce the VOC content in cleaning products used in the printing industry;
- Reduce the applicability limit in the rule from 175 pounds of VOC emissions per month to 75 pounds per month and require facilities that emit between 75 and 400 pounds VOC per month to register with the District;
- Subject operators using some large commercial digital printing equipment to recordkeeping requirements;
- Delete the provision for an alternate emissions control plan and the extreme performance screen printing petition; and
- Make other changes to enhance and clarify the rule and enhance the ability to verify compliance and enforce Regulation 8-20.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1 will change the permit exemption level so that it is consistent with Regulation 8, Rule 20. Facilities that emit more than 400 pounds of VOC per month will require permits; those that are subject to the rule (emissions of at least 75 lbs/month) but emit less than 400 pounds will be required to register with the District. The amendments to Regulation 3: Fees, Schedule R: Equipment Registration Fees are proposed for facilities required to register, \$215 for initial registrations and \$135 for annual renewals.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), an initial study for the proposed amendments has been conducted, concluding that the proposed amendments would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends to adopt a negative declaration for the amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 20, Regulation 2, Rule 1, Regulation 3, Schedule R, a staff report, socioeconomic analysis, CEQA environmental analysis and draft Negative Declaration are available on the District website at: http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm. Comments on the proposed amendments and Negative Declaration may be directed to William Saltz, Air Quality Specialist, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, or via e-mail at wsaltz@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the regulatory proposal and Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008.